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Madagascar

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens **RECONSIDER TRAVEL** to Madagascar due to COVID-19 related conditions. Exercise increased caution in Madagascar due to crime. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws and special circumstances in this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 3 blank pages in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is required, but US citizen travelers may obtain the visa upon entering the country.

US Embassy/ Consulate

+(261) (20) 23-480-00 (Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.); EMER: +(261) (20) 23-480-00; US Embassy Antananarivo, Lot 207 A, Point Liberty, Andranoro, Antehiroka, 105 Antananarivo, Madagascar; antanACS@state.gov; <https://mg.usembassy.gov/>

Telephone Code

261

Local Emergency Phone

Local numbers only

Vaccinations

An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for travelers who have been in a yellow fever endemic country within 6 months of arrival, for travelers arriving from countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission, or for travelers having transited through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. See WHO recommendations.

<http://www.who.int>

Climate

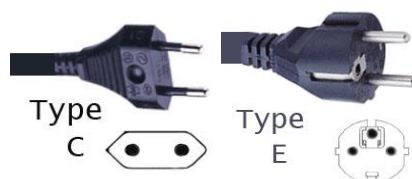
Tropical along coast, temperate inland, arid in south

Currency (Code)

Malagasy ariary (MGA)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

220 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): C, E



Major Languages

French, Malagasy, English

Religions

Christian, indigenous, Muslim

Time Difference	UTC+3 (8 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)
Potable Water	Opt for bottled water.
International Driving Permit	Suggested
Road Driving Side	Right
Tourist destinations	Ile Sainte Marie; Isalo National Park; Tsingy de Bemaraha; Avenue of the Baobabs; Royal Hill of Ambohimanga
Major Sports	Soccer, rugby, track and field, basketball, tennis
Cultural Practices	The left hand is considered unclean so try to avoid using it for gift giving or introductions.
Tipping Guidelines	Tipping is expected for tour guides and drivers. Tip the guide the equivalent of 15,000-20,000 AR (\$7-10 USD) per day and the driver 5,000-10,000 AR (about \$5 USD) per day. Bellboys and housekeepers should receive about 2000 AR per bag or per day as a tip.

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(ATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](http://www.aaa.com)

How to get help in an emergency? Contact the nearest US embassy or consulate, or call one of these numbers:
from the US or Canada - 1-888-407-4747 or from Overseas - +1 202-501-4444

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